

Community Planning & Permitting

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TO: Travis Bray, Denver Water, referral agencies.

FROM: Dale Case, AICP - Director

RE: Extension of referral period for Docket SI-20-0003: Gross Reservoir & Dam Expansion

Boulder County Community Planning & Permitting Department received requests from several referral agencies to extend the referral agency review period for docket SI-20-0003: Gross Reservoir & Dam Expansion. Article 8-508.C.1.b of the Boulder County Land Use Code allows the Director to grant an extension to the referral agency review period. I am granting an extension to referral agency review period until November 13, 2020, at 4:30 p.m..

This extension is necessary to provide referral agencies adequate time to review the large amount of submitted application information (more than 16,000 pages) and allow referral agencies such as Parks & Open Space and the Historic Preservation Advisory Board to review the application materials as well as coordinate and conduct necessary Commission and Board meetings where the application materials will be reviewed and required input provided. Different referral agencies may still request additional referral time. Those requests will be considered based on the merits of the specific request.

If any referral agency identifies deficiencies in the submitted application materials, requests additional information related to those deficiencies, and Denver Water provides the requested additional information, per Article 8-508.D.2.b Community Planning & Permitting may re-refer the additional application materials to all referral agencies. This would provide an opportunity for referral agencies to comment on the new information and ensure the necessary materials have been submitted for a thorough analysis prior to considering the application complete under Article 8-509.B.

The November 13, 2020 deadline is not a hard deadline for submission of public comment. While the County strongly encourages community members to submit comments by November 13, public comments will be accepted during the entire duration of the review process and related public hearing, and may be submitted by sending emails to grossreservoir@bouldercounty.org. Written comments are included in staff recommendation packets that are forwarded to the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners.

Community members will also have the opportunity to speak during the public comment portion of the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners public hearings.